
Abbreviations, acronyms and glossary

ACP	Assistant Commissioner of Police
ANZAM	Australia, New Zealand and Malaya
ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
ASIS	Australian Secret Intelligence Service
ASP	Assistant Superintendent of Police
ATOM	<i>The Conduct of Anti-Terrorist Operations in Malaya</i>
Bde	Brigade
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BMA	British Military Administration
BRIAM	British Advisory Mission (to Vietnam)
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CEC	Central Executive Committee (or Central Committee of CPM)
CEP	Captured Enemy Personnel
CIA	US Central Intelligence Agency
CID	Criminal Investigation Department
CIGS	Chief of the British Imperial General Staff
CO	Commanding Officer
Comdt	Commandant
CP	Commissioner of Police
CPM	Communist Party of Malaya
CPO	Chief Police Officer
CPT	Communist Party of Thailand
CT	Communist Terrorist
DCM	District Committee Member CPM
DMI	Director of Military Intelligence

DSBO	District Special Branch Officer
DWEC	District War Executive Committee
Dy	Deputy
EIS	Emergency Information Services
ER	Emergency Regulations
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FIC	Federal Intelligence Committee
GCHQ	Government Communications Headquarters
GOC Malaya	General Officer Commanding, Malaya
GRU	USSR Chief Directorate for Intelligence, Russian Army Staff
GSO II (Int)	General Staff Officer II (Intelligence)
HUMINT	Human intelligence—intelligence collected by means of agents or informers.
ILD	International Liaison Department
Incident	An encounter with the CTs, often resulting in loss of life, serious injury or considerable damage to property.
IRD	Information Research Department
ISLD	Inter-Service Liaison Department
JIC	Joint Intelligence Committee
<i>kempeitei</i>	Japanese secret police
KGB	USSR Committee for State Security
KMT	Kuomintang (or Guomindang)
LSO	Local Security Officer
<i>mata-mata</i>	Malay police constable
MCA	Malayan Chinese Association
MCP	Malayan Communist Party (see CPM)
MCS	Malayan Civil Service
MI5	Security Service (internal arm of British Secret Service)
MI6	Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) (foreign section of British Secret Service)
MIC	Malayan Indian Congress
MIO	Military intelligence officer

<i>Min Yuen</i>	People's Movement. It covers all activities by the Masses in support of the CPM
MDU	Malayan Democratic Union
MNLA	Malayan National Liberation Army
MNP	Malay Nationalist Party
MPABA	Malayan People's Anti-British Army
MPAJA	Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army
MRLA	Malayan Races Liberation Army (alternative name for the MNLA)
MSS	Malayan Security Service
NZR	New Zealand Regiment
OCCID	Officer-in-Charge CID
OCPD	Officer-in-Charge Police District
OPINTEL	Operational intelligence used in the planning of counterinsurgency operations
OSPC	Officer Superintending Police Circle
PAP	People's Action Party
PETA	Ikatan Pemuda Tanah Ayer
PF	Personal file
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PMFTU	Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions
PPP	Peoples' Progressive Party
PRC	People's Republic of China
PRO	Public Records Office
Psyops	Psychological Warfare Section
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RMAF	Royal Malayan Air Force
RMC	Royal Military College
RMN	Royal Malayan Navy
RN	Royal Navy
RNZAF	Royal New Zealand Air Force

RNZN	Royal New Zealand Navy
SAC 'E'	Senior Assistant Commissioner (Special Branch)
SAS	Special Air Service (British Army)
SB	Special Branch
SC	Special Constable
SEAC	Southeast Asia Command
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation
SEIO	State Emergency Information Officer
SEP	Surrendered enemy personnel
SF	Security forces
SFTU	Singapore Federation of Trade Unions
SIFE	Security Intelligence Far East, Singapore
SIS	Secret Intelligence Service
sitrep	Situation report
SLO	MI5 Security Liaison Officer
SOE	Special Operations Executive
SOVF	Special Operations Volunteer Force
Supt	Superintendent of Police
SWEC	State and Settlement War Executive Committee
UMNO	United Malays National Organisation
VCGIS	Vice-Chief of the (British) General Imperial Staff
WFTU	World Federation of Trade Unions
WL	Wanted list

Note on transliteration

The Romanisation of Chinese proper names and terms perennially presents problems, especially in the Malayan context where nine southern Chinese dialects are spoken as well as Mandarin (*putonghua*). In this study, the original Romanised spelling as presented in the documents has been preserved, as modern scientific transliteration can obscure well-known names and places. In recent times, the spelling of some Malay names and terms has been changed in accordance with the new *ejaan baru* system, but to avoid confusion the spelling used in the 1940s–1960s has been followed.